

# The Hongkong Telegraph.

N°. 2927

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 1891.

SIX DOLLARS  
PER QUARTER

## Banks.

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.  
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E. W. RUTTER,  
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THE STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY, ESTABLISHED 1835.

INVESTED FUNDS ..... £1,000,000 Sterling.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS, SHANGHAI : R. E. WAINWRIGHT, Esq. AUGUSTUS WHITE, Esq. F. H. BELL, Esq. NEIL MACLEOD, Esq., M.D., Medical Officer.

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The Standard is an old and wealthy Scottish Office, well-known throughout India and the East, and has acquired a marked character for sound and liberal management.

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THE Under-signed are prepared to accept FIRE and MARINE INSURANCES on favourable terms.

Current rates and a guaranteed Bonus equal to that paid by the local Offices.

GEORGE R. STEVENS & CO., Agents.

No. 2, Queen's Road, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 31st March, 1891.

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THE Under-signed having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE and LIFE at Current Rates.

REUTER, BROCKELMANN & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 18th July, 1889.

GENERAL NOTICE.

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CAPITAL, TAELS 600,000.

EQUAL TO ..... £35,333.33

RESERVE FUND ..... £318,000.00.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

LEE SING, Esq. LO YEN MOON, Esq.

LOU TSO SHUN, Esq.

MANAGER—HO AMEI.

MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the world.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1881.

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED ..... £1,000,000.

The above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES of GOOD, &c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world payable at any of its Agencies.

WOO LIN YUEN, Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE.

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Hongkong, 14th February, 1891.

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C. R. U. W. Y. N. B. R. O. N.

THE BEST BREAKFAST CLARET,

at \$2.00 a dozen.

"ST. GEORGES," A SOUND BREAKFAST CLARET,

at \$2.50 a dozen.

\$0.75 allowance for 1 doz. Empty Bottles returned.

Samples sent on application.

G. GIRAUT,

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No. 8, Queen's Road.

Hongkong, 10th July, 1891.

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No. 525.

Intimations.  
CRUICKSHANK & CO., LTD.,  
FAMILY AND DISPENSING CHEMISTS,  
AND  
Commission Agents.

JUST LANDED A FRESH LOT OF TOBACCOES.  
"OLD RIP,"  
"RICHMOND GEM,"  
"OUR BOYS,"  
"VERGINIA FLAKE,"  
"CARTE BLANCHE."

Companies de General's most popular brands, in good condition always in stock.

Hongkong, 11th August, 1891.

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HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND of 7 per cent. per Share for the 6th month ended 30th June, 1891, declared at Monday's Ordinary Half-Yearly Meeting, will be payable at the premises of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on and after TUESDAY, the 25th inst., and Shareholders are requested to apply for DIVIDEND WARRANTS at the Company's Office, No. 14, Praya Central.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

D. GILLIES,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, 24th August, 1891.

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THE HALL & HOLTZ CO. COMPANY, LIMITED.

THIRD DRAWING OF 100 DEBTENTURES OF £100 EACH.

THE following Debentures were drawn today, 5th August, 1891, and will be payable (together with interest coupons) on and after the 31st inst. at the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank.

W. HAYWARD,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, 24th August, 1891.

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HOCKS, MOSELLES AND WHITE WINES.

LAUBENHEIM, GRAACHER, NIERSTEIN, BODENTHAL,  
STEINWEIN, HOCKHEIMER, SPARKLING MOSELLES,  
SPARKLING HOCKS, SAUTERNES AND GRAVES.

CALDBECK, MACGREGOR & CO.

WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS.

Hongkong—13, Queen's Road.

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## SHOOTING SEASON, 1891.

FOR SALE  
ELEY'S GREEN, BLUE and BROWN  
ELEY'S NEW DAMP-PROOF  
PIGON and WILKS ALLIANCE POWDER  
FELT, CLOTH and GREASE-PROOF WADS  
NEWCASTLE CHILLED and ORDINARY SHOT  
GUN IMPLEMENTS and SPORTING SUNDRIES  
SPORTING CARTRIDGES, loaded to order  
DOUBLE BARRELLED FOWLING PIECES  
SMITH & WESSON'S REVOLVERS  
SHOOTING SUITS, STOCKINGS, HATS, BOOTS, &c.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, 10th August, 1891.

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## KELLY & WALSH, LTD.

BOOKS FOR THE STUDY OF CHINESE English and Cantonese Dictionary, Sixth Ed., by John Chalmers, LLD.—Just Published..... \$3.00

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Chinese without a teacher, by H. A. Giles. Lobcillie's Select Phrases in the Canton Dialect, edited by Dr. Kerr..... 50

Wade's Tz'u Erh Chi Colloquial Series, 3 vols..... 15.00

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DAKIN BROS. OF CHINA,  
L I M I T E D,  
DISPENSING CHEMISTS, &c.  
LONDON, HONGKONG AND AMOY.  
NATURAL APERIENT WATERS.

ON THE CHOICE OF A WATER.  
EXTRACT from the "London Medical Register," May 20th, 1890, by Geo. HERSCHELL, M.D. (Lond.)

"In order to attain the highest success in the treatment of a case by a Natural Water, it is far better to study thoroughly one kind, and master its peculiarities, than to experiment with different sorts, each having a different dose and special attributes of its own."

The advantages of one mineral water over another may be put under the following heads:

1.—Smallness of dose.

2.—Absence of unpleasant effect.

3.—Substitutes of Soda and Magnesia in nearly equal proportions.

4.—Absence of unpleasant taste.

On examining the chief waters on the English market with a view of making a selection, one is struck with the fact that a newly-imported water, the "Franz Josef," contains 100 and 1/2 grains to the pound of Sulphates of Magnesia and Soda respectively. This is much in excess of the quantities contained by either "Humaydi Janes," "Friedrichshall," or "Aesculap." It is evidently the strongest water by far, whilst at the same time it fortunately happens to be almost tasteless."

Price, cents per bottle; per dozen \$5.50.

We are sole agents in China for the sale of FRANZ JOSEF WATER.

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BY APPOINTMENT:

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.  
(ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841)  
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We invite attention to the following old landed Bladders, all of which are of excellent quality and good value for the money.

The same being specially selected by our London House, and bought direct from the most noted Shippers, are imported in wood and bottled by ourselves, thus enabling us to supply the best growths at moderate prices.

In ordering it is only necessary to state the name and quantity of Wine or Spirit wanted, and initial letter for quality desired.

Orders through Local Post or by Telegram receive prompt attention.

PORTS. (For Inwards and general use.)

	Per dozen	Per Case	Per Box
A Alto Douro, good quality, Green Capsule	\$1.00		
B Vintage, Superior quality, Red Capsule	1.10		
C Fine Old Vintage, superior quality, Black Seal Capsule	1.25		
D Very Fine Old Vintage, extra superior, Violet Capsule (Old Bottled)	1.50		
<b>SHERRIES.</b>			
A Delicate Pale Dry, dinner wine, Green Capsule.....	6	0.60	
B Superior Pale Dry, dinner wine, Green Seal Capsule.....	7	0.75	
C Manzanilla, Pale Natural Sherry, White Capsule.....	10	1.00	
CC Superior Old Dry, Pale Natural Sherry, Red Seal Capsule.....	10	1.00	
D Very Superior Old Pale Dry, choice old wine, White Seal Capsule.....	12	1.20	
E Extra Superior Old Pale Dry, very finest quality, Black Seal Capsule (Old Bottled).....	14	1.50	
Per Case.      Per Dozen.      Per Box.			
F Claret.			
A Superior Breakfast Claret, Red Capsule.....	4	4.50	
B St. Estephe, Red Capsule .....	4.50	5.00	
C St. Julien .....	7	7.50	
D La Rose .....	11	12.00	
Per Case.      Per Dozen.      Per Box.			
G BRANDY.			
A Hennessy's Old Pale, Red Capsule.....	12	1.10	
B Superior Very Old Cognac, Red Capsule .....	14	1.25	
C Very Old Liqueur Cognac, Red Capsule .....	15	1.50	
D Hennessy's Finest Very Old Liqueur Cognac, 1872 Vintage, Red Capsule .....	24	2.00	
Per Case.      Per Dozen.      Per Box.			
E SCOTCH WHISKY.			
A Thorne's Blend, White Capsule .....	8	0.75	
B Watson's Glenorchy Mellow Blend, Blue Capsule with Name and Trade Mark.....	8	0.75	
C Watson's Abolition Glenlivet, Red Capsule, with Name and Trade Mark.....	8	0.75	
D Watson's H. K. D. Blend of the Finest Scotch Malt Whiskies, Violet Capsule .....	10	1.00	
E Watson's Very Old Liqueur Scotch Whisky, Gold Capsule .....	12	1.10	
F Finest Old Jamaica, Violet Capsule .....	12	1.00	
G Good Lizard Island.....	1.50	per Gallon.	
H LIQUEURS.			
Benedictine Maraschino Curacao Herring's Cherry Cordial Chartreuse Dr. Siegen's Angostura Bitters, &c.			

DEATHS.

At the General Hospital, Shanghai, on the 16th August, JOHN ROSS WEIR, late officer steamship "Chang," aged 35 years.

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At Shanghai, GEORGE LEWIS, a native of Carmarthen, aged about 58. (Australian and South Wales papers please copy.)

On the 21st July, at 12, Inverness-Terminus, London, CLARA, widow of the late Sir John Smale, Chief Justice of Hongkong, and daughter of Hester Janes, Esq., of Stamford Hill, in her 74th year.

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HONGKONG, TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 1891.

TELEGRAMS.

CONTINENTAL CORN MARKETS.

LONDON, August 16th.

The corn markets on the Continent are greatly excited consequent on the abnormal rise in the price of rye, which is now dearer than wheat.

ARMY MEDICAL RANK.

August 17th.

A Royal warrant has been issued relative to the Medical rank in the Army.

SOCIALIST CONGRESS.

The International Socialist Congress has been opened at Brussels, and the members have resolved to exclude the Anarchist delegates from taking part in the proceedings.

THE REBELLION IN CHILI.

August 22nd.

Ten thousand insurgents have landed near Valparaiso and attacked President Balmaceda's forces. A decisive battle is imminent.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

ACCORDING to latest advices from the North the Chinese Yangtze squadron was at Nanking.

Mr. W. DANIEL, late chief officer of the steamer "Kaifeng," has been appointed captain of the "Tsimshui."

A REPORT that a diamond mine has been discovered in the vicinity of the Happy Valley needs confirmation.

OUR "Special Commissioner's" report of a recent visit to the Balmoral mine has been crowded out of this issue. We shall find room for it to-morrow.

We are glad to learn that Mr. Bateman's educational project has met with most gratifying success—and all in spite of his lordship the Bishop.

A VERY interesting memorial from the Tsung-lu Yamen to the Emperor, on the subject of the recent outrages on the Yangtze, is published in another part of this issue.

An Emergency meeting of St. John Lodge, No. 618, S.C., will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zeland Street, on Friday, the 28th instant, at 5 p.m. precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

THE Mercury learns from the North that some of the bridges required for the railway extension to Shan-hai-kwan have been commenced already, and that it is intended to finish the whole line within about 12 months.

CAPTAIN PIORKOWSKI, of the German army, who has been for some months past engaged on behalf of China surveying the Russian-Chinese frontier of the Shinkiang province, with a view to its adequate fortification, has returned to Shanghai.

A WOMAN named Tieng Shap Pat was charged before Mr. Wise this morning with having "run" a sly-grog shanty within two doors of the Yau-ma-ti police station. Not having shackles numbering ten times ten in her reticule, she went to durian viles and oakum for one month.

THE Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Manila scandal, from the pen of a Madrid correspondent who supports the Bank's pretensions against those of Jurado & Co., will appear in our next issue. So will a letter from the other side, which came to hand by French mail this afternoon.

THE Band of the A. & S. Highlanders will play the following programme at the Officers' Mess this evening, commencing at 8 p.m.—

March. .... "Op 51." Schubert.  
"Der Romanische" ... Lanner.  
"Seconda" .... "Quando il Chante" ... Gounod.  
Selection. .... "La Fille de Madame Ango" ... Leococ.

SAVS the Office Poet poetically—

These are the melancholy days—the saddest in the year—

Big fleas have little fleas  
Upon their backs to bite 'em,

And so on ad infinitum—

the members of the Club would not have such good grounds for complaint, but as things stand and as the affairs of the Club are now being managed (it), sport in Hongkong is fast becoming a butt even for the sport of kings on the Rialto. In an accidental way it came to our knowledge while down town this morning that the Stewards of the Jockey Club, via Mr. T. F. Hough, had notified through the medium of the local morning paper, the Daily Press, that intending subscribers for Subscriptions Griffin for the racing season of 1892 should at once make their intentions known to the Clerk of the Course. This was the first we had heard of it, and upon inquiry we found that this notice to the "Members of the Jockey Club" had been confined to a scurrilous advertisement in the columns of our worthy but somewhat obsolete contemporary the Morning Granny. Just here we would stop to ask the temporary Clerk of the Course what Eastern newspaper is, and has been for years past, the mouth-piece of sportsmen and the recognised sporting authority in the Far East? If it has not been the Hongkong Telegraph, we pause for a reply. But perhaps this may be a bit rough on Mr. Hough, who after all may be only obeying the orders of his reputed master, the resident "boss" who so feebly represents the rapidly fading glories of the once popular blue and silver-braded jacket of the princely house, but anyhow, members of the Jockey Club have a right to know how the reputed servants of the Club perform their duties; and if the Stewards really think that we cannot afford to make our programme for future racing events widely known through the medium of all the foreign newspapers in China that are not absolutely dead, we would suggest that the shutters should be decently put up and the corps of honest and honorable racing interred with due solemnity and respect. Of course the members of the Jockey Club have an effective remedy in their own hands, by electing a body of Stewards who are neither obsequious nor contemptible washerwomen, and we rather think that this suggestion merits serious consideration. But meanwhile we want to know who authorised Mr. T. F. Hough to solicit subscriptions for Griffin without first calling a meeting of members to receive their views and instructions as to conditions, price, etc., and likewise on what grounds he has arranged to himself the right of anouncing the important business of the Hongkong Jockey Club through the complacent medium of the Daily Press to the exclusion of other and far more widely circulated newspapers which are recognised as authorities on sport throughout the world! We give the Clerk of the Course fair warning to be prepared to justify his extraordinary course of action at the meeting he has convened at the Hongkong Hotel on Friday next.

A MAN named Pease, employed by Messrs. Montie, Robinson & Co. at Shanghai, was conveyed to the local hospital on the 18th inst., suffering from the effects of an overdose of laudanum. It appears he had been suffering from diarrhoea and had taken as much as two ounces of laudanum, hoping to alleviate his suffering. As nothing further has been reported, it is presumed that he has recovered.

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A OWNER named Loveless, belonging to the company of Royal Artillery now stationed at the Lyceum-moon, was drowned last night whilst bathing. It appears that the deceased, although unable to swim, dived into deep water, and never rose again. Two of his comrades made all efforts to rescue him, but were unsuccessful. The body has not yet been recovered.

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\* \* Two or three columns of interesting correspondence on popular topics—to wit, the Kowloon mines, Mr. Harry Wickling's latest Quixotic (not to say idiotic) tilt against his own distorted imagination, the proceedings at the Dock Company's general meeting, and the Hongkong Bank's trouble in Manila—are unavoidably held over. It gives us great pain to have to announce that our famous office goat, the "doyen" of Far Eastern journalism, is in a state of great depression owing to recent climatic troubles and a perusal of the "China Seal's" latest alleged short-hand reports of public meetings. William is under experienced treatment, but his recovery is doubtful. A public funeral is promised should the inevitable deprive Hongkong of one of its leading lights. Dalmatyle is quite well, thank you! "D" is another talented member of our staff.

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The foundation stone of the tower of Trinity Cathedral, Shanghai, was laid with great ecclesiastical pomp and ceremony on the 19th inst. by Bishop Moule.

At the Magistracy to-day a man named Jacobsen was charged with causing the death of a private in the 9th Highlanders, by striking him on the head in the "Rose, Shamrock and Thistle" hotel, the prisoner being a bar-attendant in that establishment. Mr. W. is remanded the case for a week. An inquiry will be held on Thursday afternoon next.

MR. R. OWEN HARRIS, locally and popularly known as "Bob 'Arris" who for the past three years has been earning fame and fortune on the Australian stage under the banner of Messrs. Brough and Boudout (historically), proposes to bring Mr. Geo. Durrell's well-known dramatic piece, "The French cruiser 'Inconstant,'" at Kuklun the Far East, at the end of next month, if satisfactory arrangements can be made. We have promised to wire particulars to Melbourne to-morrow. Mr. Harris desires us to convey his best wishes to all his old friends in Hongkong.

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THE times are sadly out of joint! and not only do the dogs bark at the doings of Hongkongites, but the very clocks rebel and refuse to register the passing hours. Yesterday we chronicled the fact that dissolution had overtaken the well-known P. C. register whose face had been blackened by the blasphemy of so many perfidious witnesses, and to-day, the town clock remains dumb. What can the matter be? Is it that the *Seastall*, despatched of ever getting out before midnight, has sought to influence the "stands of time" and like Joshua of old has called upon the sun to stand still? We shall see.

"A VICTIM's" letter contains at least a score of actionable libels, and however much we sympathise with his misfortunes—and we do a lot, you bet,—the present moment is hardly opportune for raising the devil out of purely philanthropic motives. But a day will come, and we shall not be wanting when that day arrives. Still "A Victim" can safely accept our assurance that the company he refers to, and in which he says he has lost a fortune, was started about the biggest swindle this colony has ever known. And yet we all remember the sensational history of the never-to-be-forgotten Wulrich

Melbourne is rising. Fears of another flood are entertained. At Walhalla, Gippsland Ranges, the township is completely flooded; four lives have been lost, and still greater loss of life is feared.

MORANT, August 3d.—The Bank of Van Dieman's Land, the capital of which is £100,000, suspended payment this morning. There is great excitement, but no details are yet to hand.

PERTH, W.A., August 3d.—A horrible accident occurred at York last evening. A guard named Gulfyle was letting down a lamp through the roof of a railway carriage in motion, when he slipped and fell on to the rails. The train passed over him and completely severed the head from the body besides mauling the body in a shocking manner.

AUCKLAND, August 3d.—Two of the crew of the *Wakatobi* River steamer, in order to warm themselves made a charcoal fire in the forecastle, and some time afterwards one of them was found dead, and the other so nearly suffocated that he was only revived with great difficulty.

LONDON, August 3d.—It has been arranged that Hall and Flitton will meet at the California Athletic Club's rooms within a month.

Pritchard has received a cable from New Orleans offering to put up 10,000 dollars for a fight there between himself and Flitton.

Mr. Parnell, in a speech at Thunes yesterday, said that he regretted that Messrs. O'Brien and Dillon had not taken counsel with their old friends before deciding against him. Nevertheless he would continue the struggle against the seceders.

Owing to the large influx of Russian Jews into the United States the American Government has informed the Jewish body in America that the immigration of Russian paupers to the States is contrary to the laws.

A terrible outrage has occurred in Virginia, where 50 drunken Italians attacked a man and cut the throats of a father and two sons, the mother, and three younger sons. They afterwards plundered and fired the house. The citizens are furious and parties are searching the country with a view to capturing and lynching the murderers.

August 4th.—Heavy thunderstorms have occurred in England, and a number of people have been killed by lightning. Great damage has been done to crops.

A brigand who has committed a murder has been captured in Austria.

Lord Tennyson is heading a great movement to assist the Gordon Boys' Home.

The Indian budget for the current year shows a surplus of 3,000,000 rupees.

A fire at Rathnoed, in Prussia, destroyed the whole supplies of the 3rd army corps. The loss is estimated at 1,500,000 marks.

MELBOURNE, August 5th.—The Flood Relief Fund now amounts to £14,000.

Heavy floods continue in various parts of the colony. The town of Bacchus Marsh is inundated, and further serious washways have taken place on the overland railway line. The train is now taking the Geelong route. Serious damage has been occasioned, and several persons have been drowned. The Walhalla mines have been inundated, and two miners have been killed through a fall of ground.

SYDNEY, August 5th.—A Representing Peoples Bill has been introduced by the N. S. Wales Government which wipes out every qualification except that of residence, and extends the franchise to the police and military.

Harry Stoddard and party left here by the steamer *Nemesis* to open up a traffic in ponies and buffalo hides at Port Essington. In the Northern Territory, they having secured a lease of the property on which these animals are supposed to run.

The rumour current during the week that Sir Henry Parkes intended to retire from political life, has now been authoritatively denied.

Watson, one of the prisoners who escaped from Braidwood Gaol last week, has been captured in the ranges after a desperate chase extending over six days.

An old man, seven years of age, has been run over by the North Shore train.

LONDON, August 5th.—An order has been issued for the winding up of the River Plate Bank. A statement of the Bank's affairs show the 1st liabilities to be five millions sterling. The assets are stated at seven millions, but they consist chiefly of Argentine securities.

The chimney of an iron foundry at Hantin, Belgium, has fallen, the mass of debris wrecking several buildings in the vicinity. Eighteen persons were killed.

Spurgeon is recovering from his late serious illness.

Further disclosures have been made in Canada regarding the wide prevalence of a wholesale system of bribery and political corruption. The revelations are exciting great public indignation, and the press demands the most searching investigation, and the punishment, where possible, of the offenders, regardless of social position.

Two men have just failed in an attempt to swim from Dover to Ramsgate, the water proving too cold.

Stanley, the explorer, has met with an accident resulting in the fracture of one of his ankles; his proposed trip to Australia on a lecturing tour has consequently been postponed.

Mitchell, of Sydney, has arranged a powerful syndicate to undertake the establishment of extensive iron foundry works at Newcastle.

Farnell will probably be adjudicated insolvent shortly, on account of the costs connected with the recent O'Shea divorce proceedings.

The Crown Prince of Naples is visiting England.

The death announced of Ferdinand, fourth Grand Duke of Tuscany.

Tremendous rains with heavy floods have reported from Bombay. Several villages have been swept away, and three hundred natives drowned.

An immense number of old gold coins, valued at a million sterling, have been accidentally discovered buried beneath a ruin in Prussian Silesia. They were issued during the fifteenth century.

The United States and Spain have signed a commercial treaty whereby each country is granted many privileges as against our country.

The Russian Government has issued an imperative edict ordering all Jews to quit Moscow by a certain date.

It is now currently reported that France and Russia have concluded a friendly alliance.

Russia is constructing a dry dock at Sebastopol.

Lord Westmorland is dead.

The rebellion in Chile still continues, and latterly the rebel forces have been generally victorious.

ADLADE, August 15th.—Mr. Solomon introduced his Chinese Secret Societies Bill on Wednesday. The Minister of Education and the Hon. J. L. Parsons spoke in support of the measure. Mr. Solomon quoted opinions obtained from the Government Resident, and Messrs. Frelsch, Symer, Peter, and Mayhew, going to show the existence and evil effects of secret organisations among the Chinese in the Territory. The second reading of the Bill was

passed without a division, and the measure is now being discussed in committee. Some remarks on the question in the Government Resident's telegram caused considerable amusement in the House.

In the House yesterday Mr. Solomon introduced his measure for the abolition of capital punishment. He spoke for over an hour, dealing with the subject critically. The speech was well received, and the subject is exciting a considerable amount of interest. It is expected that the measure will be well supported.

MELBOURNE, August 13th.—A serious quarrel has taken place between the Ministrer for Railways and the Commissioners, which has led to startling exposures of terrible discrepancies between estimated and actual cost of various lines of railway. It is shown that an estimated expenditure of seven millions in railway construction will be in reality nearly double that amount. The revelations also show that the general management is outrageously expensive and inefficient. A Royal Commission will probably be appointed immediately to make a full inquiry into the whole matter. The deficit in the treasury amounts to three quarters of a million. The situation is viewed with serious alarm. Business is much depressed, and failures are numerous.

LONDON, August 13th.—Waterhouse, who embezzled £10,000 dollars of the funds of the Commercial Bank, Sydney, has been arrested in London.

A terrible collision has occurred at Fort Byron, America, by which eleven persons were killed and fifty injured.

Higgins, the Leeds parachutist, is dead. He was killed by falling a thousand feet from one of his aerial traps.

It is now proposed to form an Argentine National Bank, with a capital of 30,000,000 dollars, for the purpose of relieving the present oppressive financial deadlock.

Hurricanes and floods are reported from Lower Australia. Immense damage to property has been done, and hundreds of persons have been rendered homeless.

Hurricanes and floods have also occurred in the Victoria-Nyanza district of Africa, where the destruction of villages and loss of life were appalling. It is estimated that 140,000 natives have perished.

Advices from Europe containing information of a friendly alliance having been arranged between France and Russia, have been further confirmed by the British Government now taking steps to increase the strength of its Navy.

In a pair-sided match in America, Hanlan and O'Connor defeated Gaudaur and Mackay after a splendid contest.

From the Congo it is reported that the natives combined in an attack on the slave hunters, and killed over 400 of their number. Captured prisoners were tortured in a terrible manner and many of them eaten. Horrible orgies were perpetrated as a result of the success of the natives.

The Woman's Suffrage Bill has been rejected by the House of Lords.

It is now stated that the reported massacre by Italians at Virginia was published only as a hoax.

Lord Dartmouth is dead.

The Court of Appeal has decided in favor of Mr. Horace Walpole, heir to the earldom of Oxford, and reversed the verdict of the Court which had previously awarded Miss Wedderburn £200 damages for breach of promise of marriage.

Dr. Thamm, who has been experimenting at Berlin for some time past with Dr. Koch's convulsin cure, has announced that he has achieved complete success with 40 per cent of the cases wherein Dr. Koch's lymph was used. It is applied by Dr. Thamm in successive but diminutive doses.

Mr. Gordon Bennett, proprietor of the New York *Herald*, has been indicted for publishing details of the recent executions by electricity in contravention of the orders of the Government.

Vast preparations are being made for the funeral obsequies of the King of Dahomey. Four thousand slaves have been sacrificed at his tomb.

The Russian Government has commenced a railway which is to be 300 kilometres in length—from the Transcaspian district, which borders the Caspian Sea on the east, towards the Persian frontier.

The rains in Northern India are of unequalled severity. The towns of Mahmudabad and Bhomagar are flooded, and 300 houses have been demolished, and terrible misery must ensue among the multitudes who have been rendered homeless.

**THE TSUNG-LI YAMEN AND THE FANGTSZE OUTRAGES.**

The following important memorial on the Yangtsze outrages has been published in the *Peking Gazette*:

The Prince and Ministers of the Trung-li Yamén severally submit a Memorial to the Throne in which, with the view of ensuring the tranquillity of the country and the prevention of future trouble, they humbly beg that His Majesty may be pleased to issue stringent instructions to the Viceroy and Governor of the various provinces, directing them to take prompt measures for dealing with the missionary cases which have been occurring, with such persistent frequency. On learning

that the expectant Taotai, deputy of the Nanking Viceroy for settling foreign claims, has arrived at Wuhan and made visits to the various Consular representatives, the Roman Catholic Bishop, and the Commissioner of Customs. A long conversation took place during each of these visits. It is expected that matters will be amicably arranged in a short time.

The Governor-General of Foochow has decided to send some naval students abroad to complete their education. Viceroy Li favours the scheme and has ordered a selection to be made of the advanced students from the Peiyang squadron to go in the same company. The party will leave China next spring.

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Outside the East gate, in the French Settlement at Shanghai a *tao-hao*, Chow Yung-kien, squandered a sum of \$40 on a groundless charge in a tea-shop. Some one advised the victim to report the matter to the police, but the *tao-hao* threatened the victim with death if he dared to do so. The parties friends are trying to make an amicable arrangement, but nothing definite has been come to. It behoves the authorities to look into the matter.

In January of the present year Fu Shou-chen, Sub-prefect of the Tsinflan, reported to Wei Kuan-kuang that a band of robbers had formed itself at Yangtze and was murdering Chinese subjects and burning their villages. With the assistance of the troops, however, and the aid of the Mahometan Prince Manmutz, the band was after some resistance dispersed and the ring-leaders captured. On looking into the case, a memorialist finds that the scale on which this band conducted operations gives evidence rather of rebellion than of common brigandage, and therefore proposes to put the heads of the band to death by the *ding-chih*, and to decapitate the others. A subscription has been raised for the poor people who suffered from their depredations, and punishment is requested for the Sub-Prefect for allowing such a thing to take place within his jurisdiction.

In Shanghai, Hupeh, a murder took place under curious circumstances. A man returning from the north brought with him a large and fierce dog. One day he took his dog for a walk. Four street curs attacked his dog, which showed fight and killed two of his assailants. The owners of the dead dogs, angry at the occurrence,

had the opportunity to create certain trouble. The religion of the West has for its object the incitation of virtue, and in Western countries it is everywhere practised. Its origin dates a long time past, and on the establishment of commercial intercourse between China and Foreign Powers, a clause was inserted in the Treaties to the effect that "persons professing or teaching the Christian religion should enjoy full protection of their persons and property and be allowed free exercise of their religion." The hospitals and orphanages maintained by the missionaries all evince a spirit of benevolent enterprise. Of late years when distress has befallen any portion of the Empire, missionaries and others have never failed to come forward to assist the sufferers by subscribing money and distributing relief. For their cheerful readiness to do good and the pleasure they take in works of charity, they assuredly have deserved high commendation. Even granting that amongst the converts there are bad as well as good people, still they are all equally Chinese subjects amenable to the jurisdiction of their own authorities and the missionary cannot claim the right of interfering in any disputes or lawsuits that may arise. There is no reason, therefore, why any of the people and the converts should not live together in peace and harmony. Yet mischief-makers are continually fabricating baseless stories, which they industriously propagate until the suspicions of the people are aroused, and then lawless villains seize the opportunity to create trouble with a view of obtaining plunder. If immediate steps are not taken to prevent outbreaks of this kind, both the Chinese and the foreign mercantile communities will, it is to be feared, have no assurance of safety in the future, and the very important interests involved cannot fail to be seriously prejudiced. The Yamen would therefore pray that the Manchu Generals-in-Chief, the Viceroy, and Governors of all the provinces may be directed by Imperial Edict to issue proclamations clearly expounding to the people that they must on no account lend a ready ear to such false reports and wantonly cause trouble. People who issue anonymous placards and invent stories to inflame the feelings of the people should, it is submitted, be at once arrested and severely punished. It is the duty of the local authorities to afford protection at all times to the persons and property of foreign merchants and foreign missionaries, and no relaxation in this respect should be permitted. Should the precautionary measures be lacking in stringency or the protection afforded prove inadequate to avert disturbance, the local authorities should be denounced in accordance with the facts of the case. With regard to the various plots which form the subject of this memorial, and excluding the Wu-hu case, the ringleaders in which have already suffered the full penalty of the law, it is essential that the Viceroy of the Two Kiang and of Hu Kuang, and the Governors of Kiangsu, Anhui, and Hupeh should receive prompt instructions to effect the arrest of the principal criminals and have them severely punished as a warning for the future. The Manchu Generals-in-Chief, Viceroy, and Governors should be directed to take steps for settling all outstanding cases without delay, and should not allow their subordinates to shrink from the difficulty of the task and interpose delays. The Yamen reverently submits this memorial to the Sacred Glance and humbly solicits his Majesty's commands respecting the suggestions they have ventured to offer.

**NOTES FROM CHINESE PAPERS.**

The want of rain is severely felt in Soochow. Not only are the fields parched, but the epidemic is increasing in severity.

A great number of deaths is daily occurring in Sungkiang. Those who are attacked with the epidemic generally succumb in a few hours.

H. E. Peng Lub took over his seal of office as acting Customs Taotai of Wu-hu on the 19th instant, amidst much pomp and ceremony.

Over 300,000 piculs of rice have been exported from Corea to Japan. The Japanese have been purchasing the article extensively this year.

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